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Jesus came to bring life and life in all its abundance. Sickness and suffering were often seen as a curse from God. But Jesus turned the tide and proclaimed that we are all loved by God in our weakness, suffering, frailty, and sickness. No one who ever came to Jesus was ever left unaided. A simple gesture of a touch, a word of rebuke to the demons, or an appreciation of one's faith were sufficient to bring total healing.

The ministry of Jesus' healing continues today in full measure too. All it takes is to approach Jesus the healer with faith and hope. We too are called to participate in the healing ministry of Jesus. We see it so tangibly in the witness of numerous doctors and nurses, hospital chaplains and healers. Faith and medication are twin sisters in the ministry of healing. Jesus is at work healing you both spiritually and physically. Rather than dwelling hopelessly on the question, "Why me?", its prudent to trust in Jesus who can make you whole again! You too are a miracle waiting to happen.

Blessings— Fr Glen Lowe SDB

REMINDER FOR ASH WEDNESDAY— 14TH FEBRUARY

Please bring any Palm Sunday palms or crosses you may have and place them in the basket on the table in the atrium. These will be burnt as ashes for **Ash Wednesday which is set down for 14th February.**

Mass Notice

A VISITING PRIEST, FR KEVIN MURPHY SM, WILL CELEBRATE A WEEKDAY MASS ON THURSDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY COMMENCING AT 9.00AM.

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND MASS ON A WEEKDAY.

Parish of St Peter - Waiheke Island

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PARISH TIMETABLE: SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 5.00PM
SUNDAY MASS 9.15AM

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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME— 4TH FEBRUARY 2024

Pastor's Note

"WHY ME?" – Sickness and Suffering

The story of Job is a man caught between deep faith and suffering. Though upright and blameless, he is tested to the extreme. He loses his family, friends, and fortune. Amid these series of disasters, he never gives up



his faith. He defies all odds with these words, "The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." We often ask, "Is this the way God treats those who keep the faith?" "

Why is Job chosen to be a victim of pain, suffering, loss and sickness?" The most difficult question to answer is, "Why me?"

Jesus was a man on the move. He was always on the 'other side' – encountering people in their hunger, sickness, pain, bereavement, hurt and sinfulness. Amid all the tragedies of life, Jesus never got caught in this eternal quest, "Why suffering? Or Why me?" Jesus with the heart of a shepherd reached out to carry the wounded, to bring back the stray and to heal those most in need. Jesus gave hope to them all. The ministry of Jesus was not just about preaching and teaching. Healing was very much part of Jesus' ministry. The Gospel of today is about a regular day in the life of Jesus. Pray and healing go hand in hand. Jesus begins and ends his day with an intimate 'Abba' prayer moment. And in between these prayer moments numerous miracles took place. The gospel today presents us with the miraculous and instant healing of Peter's mother-in-law, those possessed with demons, and those inflicted by various diseases.

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Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PSALM # 146
(PRAY TOGETHER)

CONFITEOR

How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting: The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel! The Lord heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have **greatly sinned** in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, **through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;** therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God

	Welcome / Prayers of faithful:	1st reader:	2nd reader:
Saturday 3 February	Don Sheridan	Pat Sullivan	Mary Sullivan
Sunday 4 February	Mark Mullins	Viki Trainor	Sheldene Crookes
Saturday 10 February	Ruth Gracie	Carol Grbin	Ivan Grbin
Sunday 11 February	Judith Aggrey	Judith Walshe	Christine Sloan
Saturday 17 February	Bronwen Muir	Don Sheridan	Ceri O'Connor
Sunday 18 February	Sheldene Crookes	Kirsten Sloan	Gaileen McGivern
Saturday 24 February	Bronwen Muir	Mary Sullivan	Pat Sullivan
Sunday 25 February	Christine Sloan	Mark Mullins	Viki Trainor
Saturday 2 March	Carol Grbin	Bronwen Muir	Ivan Grbin
Sunday 3 March	Gaileen McGivern	Judith Aggrey	Judith Walshe
Saturday 9 March	Ruth Gracie	Ceri O'Connor	Don Sheridan
Sunday 10 March	Viki Trainor	Sheldene Crookes	Kirsten Sloan
Saturday 16 March	Mary Sullivan	Pat Sullivan	Bronwen Muir
Sunday 17 March	Mark Mullins	Christine Sloan	Judith Aggrey
Saturday 23 March	Ruth Gracie	Carol Grbin	Ivan Grbin
Sunday 24 March	Christine Sloan	Judith Walshe	Gaileen McGivern

MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION (*responsible for set up only)

Saturday 3 February	*Ruth Gracie
Sunday 4 February	*Fe De La Haye
Saturday 10 February	*Pauline / Velvet
Sunday 11 February	*Ann Ita Harrison
Saturday 17 February	*Ruth Gracie
Sunday 18 February	*David Sloan
Saturday 24 February	*Pauline / Velvet
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DRIVEWAY MAINTENANCE

03 February	Patrick Newton	10 February	Barbara Boyce
17 February	David Harold	24 February	Patrick Newton
02 March	Barbara Boyce	09 March	David Harold
16 March	Patrick Bewton	23 March	Barbara Boyce

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